

On Thursday, June 18, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Domestic Policy Subcommittee will hold a hearing entitled, "After Injury, the Battle Begins: Evaluating Workers' Compensation for Civilian Contractors in War Zones."

This hearing will examine the handling of workers' compensation insurance for federal contractors working overseas known as Defense Base Act (DBA) insurance. The issue made recent headlines after reports by ProPublica, the Los Angeles Times, and ABC News revealed that American International Group (AIG) and other carriers have inappropriately denied and delayed health insurance claims from civilian contractors killed or injured in Iraq. According to those reports, AIG is the primary insurer retained by contracting firms, handling almost 90% of civilian claims filed in the war zones in 2007. The hearing will explore ways to increase oversight and improve the DBA workers' compensation program in order to enhance protections afforded to injured civilian contractors.

The following witnesses are expected to attend:

Panel One

Seth D. Harris
Deputy Secretary
Department of Labor

Panel Two

Thomas Newman
Former civilian contractor in Iraq

Kevin Smith
Former civilian contractor in Iraq

John Woodson

Former civilian contractor in Iraq

Gary Pitts, Esq.

Pitts and Mills Attorneys at-Law

Major General George R. Fay

Executive Vice President, Worldwide P&C Claims, CNA Financial

Kristian P. Moor*

President

AIU Holdings, Inc., a division of AIG

Appearing with assistance from Charles Schader, Senior Vice President & Chief Claims Officer, AIU Holdings

Senator Bernie Sanders (D-VT) is expected to participate in this hearing.

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To view a webcast of the hearing, please click on the link below:

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Documents and Links

- [Prepared Testimony of Deputy Secretary of Labor Seth D. Harris](#)
- [Prepared Testimony of Major General George R. Fay](#)
- [Prepared Testimony of Mr. Gary Pitts](#)
- [Prepared Testimony of Mr. John Woodson](#)
- [Prepared Testimony of Mr. Timothy D. Newman](#)
- [Prepared Testimony of Mr. Kristian P. Moor](#)
- [Prepared Testimony of Mr. Charles R. Schrader](#)
- [Prepared Testimony of Mr. Kevin Smith](#)

- [Opening Statement of Chairman Dennis Kucinich](#)